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King County

Regional Human Services Levy Oversight Board

Veterans Citizen Levy Oversight Board

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Regional Human Services Levy Oversight Board (RHSLOB)

Meeting Summary

September 16, 2009 2-4 p.m.

Northgate Library

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Joe Ingram at 2:10 p.m. A quorum was present.

Roll Call

Board Members Present: Co-Chair Kathy Brasch, Co-Chair Joe Ingram, Edith Nelson, Kathleen Hadeller, Loran Litchy

Board Members Excused/Absent: Kevin Bernadt, Dorry Elias-Garcia

County Staff Present: George Dignan, Department of Community and Human Services, (DCHS), Marcy Kubbs (DCHS), Sonia Singh (DCHS)

Guests: Douglas Hoople

Review of Meeting Summaries

The draft July 15, 2009 and draft August 19, 2009 meeting summaries were reviewed.

ACTION: The July 15, 2009 and August 19, 2009 meeting summaries were approved as written.

Committee Reports

Strategy 2 Committee: Co-Chair Brasch shared that the committee discussed Strategy 2.8(b) with George Dignan, Director of the King County Work Training Program.

George reviewed public comments received on the procurement plan and noted pages in the plan where responses to the comments were provided. The committee recommended the procurement plan be favorably reviewed by the boards, but requested acronyms be spelled out as some were unfamiliar to them.

Procurement Plan 2.8 (b)

George Dignan provided an overview of the plan and summarized public comments that had been received. He advised the board that 30 veterans or veterans and their families, would be served by the plan that will link rapid re-housing providing 18 months of housing support, with the employment services offered by King County Work Training. This unique model combines elements of several national models and provides a longer

period of housing support giving participants added time to receive training to help improve their wage earning potential. Several partners are involved including DSHS, KCVP, shelters, and Solid Ground.

Board members had several questions including:

Q. If there is a waiting list for employment training programs at community colleges, will slots be allocated for those participating in Project Self-Sufficiency?

A. Waiting lists will not be eliminated for those participating in the project. The level of customized support and planning that will be provided will help participants plan and develop a course for better wage earning along with long-term career and education goals.

Q. Will you be tracking the demographic distribution of those served in the program?

A. Yes. We are seeking to recruit at homeless shelters throughout King County, and not specifically those connected with partner agencies, for instance, Solid Ground and their network of outreach and recruitment.

Q. Is there funding in place for the project beyond 2011.

A. No. As of October 1, 2009 the project can provide housing support for up to 18 months for clients. This funding for housing was made possible by funds from the U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the Gates Foundation and United Way. Project directors will continue to look at funding alternatives.

Q. Is there an “accountability matrix” for participants.

A. Our intent is to be flexible to the needs of clients. For instance, if a client does not meet academic standards to progress in their training or education program they are enrolled in, those tuition dollars cannot be recouped; however, we would like to work with clients to evaluate what prevented them from doing well in a particular quarter and see if we can regroup to get them on track. Participants and case managers will have a detailed plan to reference, indicating milestones for each participant. Often programs look for “linear process”; however we know from experience that participants will need to regroup at times and the case managers will be there to provide this type of customized support, while attempting to anticipate barriers.

Q. If you have 3 employment specialists on staff, how many participants do you expect to serve?

A. We will serve one hundred in total, or proportionally 33 per employment specialist. If participants drop out of the program, employment specialist will work with additional clients.

ACTION: Procurement Plan 2.8 (b) was approved as written.

Chair’s Report:

- Co-Chair Joe Ingram reported that Douglas Hoople, Chair of the Veteran Citizens Levy Oversight Board, Co-Chair Kathy Brasch of the RHSLOB and DCHS staff presented the 2008 Levy Annual Report to the King County Regional Policy Committee last week. Co-Chair Brasch indicated the report was very well received by committee members who

complemented board members and staff. Mayor Lewis of Auburn stated the Levy accomplishments of the Levy exceeded his expectations.

- Co-Chair Brasch reported attending the grand opening of Duvall Place in the Snoqualmie Valley on September 15, 2009. Duvall Place is the Snoqualmie Valley's first affordable housing units. The project is a partnership between Hopelink and Friends of Youth. Co-Chair Brasch reported that eight affordable housing units are available. Hopelink turned away 900 applicants who were hoping to obtain one of the units.

King County Staff Report:

Marcy Kubbs presented the following information:

- November 13, 2009, from 7:30am-3:30 pm the 3rd annual Washington State Military Kids and Families Summit will be held in Tacoma. The Levy will be paying for members to attend. Those interested were asked to sign up.
- October 22, 2009, the next Joint Board meeting will be held in District 4 and staff is proposing holding the meeting at Plymouth Housing Group's Simon Apartments in Seattle. Since they were the first Levy-funded capital project to be completed, staff is suggesting providing Plymouth Housing with a plaque presented by Councilmember Phillips and DCHS Director Jackie MacLean. To accommodate Councilmember Phillips' schedule board members were asked to be flexible about the meeting time. Members present were agreeable.
- A revised Speaker's Bureau PowerPoint incorporating Bill Block's edits has been completed and was shared with the board. Marcy indicated the Human Services Oversight Board is interested in having Communication Committee members present the PowerPoint at their next board meeting in November. One option was to hold a joint meeting for the presentation. Members present were agreeable.

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- Co-Chair Brasch requested staff provide the board with as much advance notice as possible of community events the members of the boards may be interested in attending.
- Co-Chair Brasch requested an update for the next meeting or an email on what the process will be for re-appointing existing members when their terms expire.
- Board Member Litchy informed the Board the flood season is upon us and may increase the need of human services in the Valley.
- Board Member Nelson reported attending the Shoreline Human Services Task Force meetings. One of the topics at the meetings has been serving linguistically and culturally diverse populations.
- Board Member Hadeller reported on an event in SeaTac in which REI donated backpacks for kids going back to school.

Petitions/Communications (public comment):

- None

Adjournment:

- The meeting adjourned at 3:35pm.